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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

ONCE again this week the Security Council fell somewhat short of the hopes invested in it when a decade ago the nations of the world raised it to be the supreme organ for the maintenance of peace. On Monday, after a brief spate of speeches by a number of delegates expounding their undoubtedly good intentions, which the Soviet delegate immediately proceeded to doubt, the Security Council decided that the wisest thing it could do about Formosa was — nothing. It remained but to bow with all the grace it could summon to the super-supreme powers of "private contacts" and "secret diplomacy," which statesmen now quite unabashedly declared to be more efficient because more discreet. The whole was trimmed with a titillated garnish and served with a solemn flourish that would have it appear as something other than the "private contacts" and "secret diplomacy" which our fathers tried to leave behind when they misplaced their faith in the League of Nations. But the dish had a haunting familiarity about it. And it is hard to forget that even after the League's abject impotence stood long exposed, the nations were not satisfied that the principle it represented had been truly tried and found wanting, but set about building a bigger and better model after the Second World War. To many, the flash-back to pre-League days must have been frustrating.

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UNDER the circumstances, there was nothing very much the Council could do, of course, and the decision did not reflect its overall weakness. For instance, the Security Council could go on for years making its moral authority felt, when it felt so inclined, in such questions as a revolt in Guatemala or the illegal seizure of a ship in an international waterway, without having to feel that there was something wrong about its composition. But in its present composition it cannot hope for effective intervention in affairs Chinese. When China rejected the invitation to take part in a debate whose agenda she had no part in drawing up, it became patently futile to debate at all. The Chinese delegate now filling one of the Council's five permanent seats is quite willing to speak on China's behalf, but his Government is powerless to act for her, and this hardly detracts from the sense of futility.

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IF it is unfortunately true that nothing could be expected of the Security Council under the circumstances, there must be something wrong with the circumstances. Precedent has it that the Council need not be dependent on the country discussed being present at its sessions in order to reach decisions and issue appeals. And there need not have arisen difficulties about demanding a cease-fire in the area of the Strait of Formosa — but for the rather impressive circumstances. In 1950 the United Nations went to the help of a South Korean Government almost universally recognized. Today the Peking Government is recognized as the legal government of China by most of the countries in Asia while Britain, a leading member of the Security Council, has acknowledged it as such for more than five years, and until the Chinese Communists came to power in China, in 1949, there seemed to be no question of Formosa being Chinese.

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IF the Security Council is to be big enough to undertake the Formosa question, it is no use pretending that Formosa is not Chinese territory because the Japanese have ceded it under the San Francisco peace treaty and the United Nations or anyone else would be hard put to produce another plausible pretender to the island. Neither can it be useful much longer to pretend that Formosa is more vital to the defence of America than to China, a few minutes' jet-flight away. Finally, it is futile to think that, having tackled a tartar, the Security Council will be able to walk away in peace after arranging a cease-fire in a few tiny islands. Despite China's cold shoulder, the question of Formosa is still very much the United Nation's business, but a major business.

Jerusalem, February 17.

Bernstein Warns Protection May Be Abandoned

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A suggestion that it might be necessary to abandon the policy of absolute protection for local products in order to enforce efficient production was made by Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, during the continuation of the Budget debate in the Knesset yesterday. He said that Israel is still far from economic independence, not only because there are not enough exports to pay for needed imports, but because our exports in most cases are not competitive and require support, sometimes in the form of excessive prices for the same products on the home market.

Mr. Bernstein stated that the problem was not simply high wages, as was sometimes suggested, for wage levels were much higher in some countries that exported successfully, such as the U.S. He did not even think that the entire trouble was poor productivity on the part of the worker — though that was an important factor. In many cases, the entire structure of production and management was inefficient, and costs therefore excessive. He thought that the "total protectionism" on which Israel manufacturers could depend today was a mistake. While he did not suggest that import restrictions should be lifted completely, he thought a move in this direction would be essential if we were to achieve anything approaching the degree of competitiveness in production that is needed for successful exports.

Israel's Credit Up

He also said that Israel's credit and ability to obtain loans abroad had gone up greatly over the past two years — "one would not have believed it possible then." He hoped that the Government would come to realise the need to expand internal credits during the coming year.

Mr. Bernstein noted that in some respects the Israel economy does not follow the normal laws and not all the usual yardsticks can be applied at present. For instance, milk in Israel is bound to be more expensive at the time of highest production, when it was possible, and necessary, to sell full milk to the public in place of the milk containing a large admixture of cheap imported milk powder which is distributed at times of lower production.

Mr. A. Harzfeld (Mapai) asked for greater allocations in the Budget for education and other services, particularly higher education, which was being neglected, by private benefactors as much as by the Government.

He said that it was difficult to understand the attitude of teachers who demanded an extra holiday on *Tu Bishvat* if rain prevented the traditional tree-planting and that of young doctors who made difficulties about going to work in frontier settlements and exposed villages. What was this claim that they had invested 12 years of study? Was that not a privilege, a privilege that we were anxious to help the University offer to more students? Would the young people in other professions come next and explain that they had spent two years in kindergarten, eight in elementary school and so on? Students were ready enough to make demands on the State, and he thought that the State was quite entitled to make some demands on them in return.

The debate will continue next week, when the general section is due to be wound up by the Minister of Finance.

Trade Mission Gets Poor Reception in Turkey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The secrecy surrounding the talks of the Israel trade delegation which returned from Turkey on Tuesday morning has given rise to rumours that the delegation was not given too cordial a reception, and that for that reason the visit was cut short.

When the delegation left Israel on February 6, it was understood that its negotiations would last for two or three weeks. Instead, the delegation left Ankara on Monday, February 14.

At the Ministry of Commerce yesterday no questions were answered on the subject, but it was indicated that an official statement will be issued jointly today by the Foreign Trade Department of the Foreign Ministry and the Export Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Lavon Asked Sharett For Inquiry

"Misleading and distorted" are the words used in an official denial of an allegation printed in yesterday's "Lamerhav" to the effect that Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Minister of Defence, had been the subject of an "inquiry" by a committee appointed by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Lavon was not subjected to any form of inquiry, the announcement states. The Minister had asked the Prime Minister to look into a certain matter. The Prime Minister has forwarded the results of the exchanges to the Cabinet Committee of Security and Foreign Affairs.

According to the "Lamerhav" story, the "committee" had consisted of a Supreme Court Judge and a former Chief of Staff, and had consulted with a number of people, principally Mr. Levi Eshkol.

Rumanian Legation Is Surrendered by Band

BERNE Wednesday. — Three armed Rumanian anti-Communists surrendered here without firing a shot this evening after defying troops and police for over 38 hours. They had been holding out in the Rumanian Legation, which they seized at gunpoint, with three other men soon after midnight on Tuesday.

Police had threatened them with tanks and tear-gas unless they came out peacefully. All three face charges of murder following the death of the Legation chauffeur who was wounded in the assault yesterday.

A grave-faced Roman Catholic priest strode through tense police lines and entered the building to hear the men's pleas for forgiveness before they surrendered.

Police stated at a Press conference tonight that they still did not know the full identities of the three men. They said they believed that originally there had been six attackers. One of these surrendered yesterday and one had definitely escaped. Another was thought to have escaped. All Swiss police stations and frontier posts had been alerted to be on the lookout for these men.

The police spokesman said that the band had smashed Legation files and had torn up Communist propaganda and books. But they had left valuables intact.

The three arrested today were all completely exhausted and are now in Berne's main jail.

(*Reuter, UP*)

Balkan Assembly Seen Vital by Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Wednesday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Koca Popovic said today that Yugoslavia ascribed "very great importance" to the coming establishment of a Balkan Consultative Assembly composed of deputies from the Parliaments of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

He made a statement to the official news agency, Tanjug, in readiness for the conference of the three Balkan Foreign Ministers in Ankara on February 28.

Meetings between parliamentarians of the three countries "would mean a widening of the forms and essence of existing cooperation between our countries," he said. The establishment of a Consultative Assembly will be one of the main topics of discussion for the three Foreign Ministers whose conference will take place exactly two years after the three countries signed their Balkan pact in Ankara.

MAC Team Leaves For Spot Where Hikers Found

Israel members of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, U.N. Observers and police from Beersheba left for Ein Geddi late yesterday afternoon. There, the U.N. Observers are to cross into Jordan to the spot in Wadi Ghar, between Ein Geddi and Hebron to recover the remains of Shoshana Harelion, 18, and Oded Wagmeister, 17, which were found early yesterday morning by a group of Israelis.

The parents of Oded Wagmeister of Degania Bet, left yesterday for Beersheba to await the return of their son's body which could not be recovered on Tuesday as the Israeli party came under fire.

They received the news on Tuesday night, and until then had refused to believe that their son was dead and had prevailed on the settlers to go ahead with the Purim preparations and not to declare a state of mourning. Purim festivities have now been cancelled.

The Jordan authorities sent a special search party to the Hebron area yesterday to check the information passed on by Israel on the discovery of the bodies of the two missing hikers, NEABS reported.

Burmese Here to Inspect Ministries, Histadrut

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. — Three Burmese, who are to inspect the institutions of the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Defence and the Histadrut arrived here tonight by KLM from Amsterdam. The party of Mr. U Ko Jyi, Secretary for External Affairs of the Burmese Trade Unions, Mr. Boh Him Lwin, an engineer, and Mr. U Tha Tun, chief of the Burmese Government's Rehabilitation Committee. They were met by representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Histadrut and Mapai. (*Itim*)

MAC Meets Again Today on Dawayima

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which met yesterday in an emergency session to discuss the Dawayima incident of last Saturday, adjourned until this morning at the request of the Chairman, Col. Charles Brewster, to give him time to deliberate on the proposals submitted by both sides, the Army spokesman announced.

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Does the Government take the economic experts' advice? The work of the "[illegible] [illegible]," the Economic Advisory Staff, is reviewed in tomorrow's weekend edition.

Other pertinent features include profiles of Khrushchev and Bulganin, another in the series of articles on dairy products, a tribute to [illegible] [illegible], as well as an account of the conditions of the [illegible] community in Egypt.

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Israel Set to Meet Egypt on Bat Galim

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Israel requested the President of the United Nations Security Council yesterday to ask the Egyptian government whether it was prepared to agree to an arrangement for the release of the Israel vessel Bat Galim, with its cargo, through the Suez Canal in conformity with the provisions of the Security Council resolution of September, 1951.

Mr. Eban recalled that at the last meeting the Security Council held on the matter on January 13, the then President, Sir Leslie Knox Munro, summed up the general trend of the discussion regarding the question of freedom of passage through the Suez Canal for ships and cargoes of all nations. The majority's view was that the Security Council resolution of September 1, 1951, was of continuing validity and effect, and that the question of the Bat Galim should be settled in this context.

Mr. Eban further recalled that the President had expressed the hope that a continued attitude of conciliation from both sides would bring agreement regarding an arrangement for the speedy release of the ship and her cargo, still in Egyptian detention.

In his request to the Council President, Dr. Victor Belaunde of Peru, Mr. Eban said that if there were an affirmative response from Egypt, his Government would be "ready to discuss with the Egyptian Government the practical steps for putting such an arrangement into effect."

The resolution referred to in Israel's request was that in which the Council asked the Egyptian government to lift the restrictions placed on Israel-bound shipping.

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation at the United Nations said today that the American Government is still supporting Israel's demand that Egypt permit the Bat Galim to continue her journey to Haifa "through the Suez Canal."

He added: "The U.S., of course, continues to believe that the 1951 resolution should be complied with. We therefore think Ambassador Eban's new letter is entirely appropriate under the circumstances."

Dr. Belaunde is understood to be consulting with other members of the Council on possible further steps to be taken on the question.

Talks on Prisoners' Release Go On—Burns

Negotiations for the release of the four Israel soldiers being held in a Syrian prison are still going on, Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night following his return from a three-day visit to Damascus.

The soldiers, who were recently visited by U.N. Observers, appeared well, he said. Since his return, General Burns has discussed the situation with Government officials.

Before his departure from Damascus yesterday morning, General Burns saw the Chief of Staff, General Shawkat Shukeir, and the Foreign Minister Khaled Azem, NEABS reports. During these meetings, it states, Syria had asked Gen. Burns to intervene with Israel to obtain the release of the seven Syrian sailors detained off Haifa last December.

JORDAN PRESS DISTORTS MAC DECISIONS

The entire Jordan press and Ramallah Radio have been reporting a distorted version of last Tuesday's MAC decision, entirely omitting the fact that Jordan was found guilty for opening fire on Israel forces in the Beit Awwa incident last Friday.

Dulles Dismisses Roosevelt's Plea to Stop Arms to Iraq

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA).— Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today dismissed Representative James Roosevelt's request to discontinue the flow of munitions to Iraq.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Thurston Morton, in charge of Legislative Affairs, replied on behalf of Mr. Dulles. The reply contained a justification of the policy of arming the Arabs and it noted that assurances have been given to Israel by the U.S.

It cited a statement on the Middle Eastern arms policy summarising the official U.S. viewpoint. The statement contained the same line of thought expressed for some time by American diplomats to prove that the shipment of arms to Iraq was part of the global defence build-up against Communism.

Mr. Roosevelt, Democrat representative from California, had also asked that Israel be included in U.S. regional defence planning. Mr. Dulles, however, failed to indicate in his answer that Israel would be taken into consideration. The reply also ignored Mr. Roosevelt's assertion that if "a positive programme and statement could be made that any aggressive military action by any country in the Near East to whom we have given military or economic aid and assistance would immediately justify our active intervention to prevent its spread, it would, I believe, receive widespread support."

Meanwhile, the State Department's Public Services Division issued a new statement praising Iraq's stand against Communism and intention to conclude a pact with Turkey, and also justified the shipment of arms. The statement was issued to summarise the Department's position as a result of numerous complaints by Israel and her American supporters that arms shipments to Iraq weakened rather than strengthened the chances for Middle Eastern peace and stability.

It quoted utterances by President Eisenhower on military aid to Pakistan and on October 28, 1954, before the U.S. Jewish tercentenary dinner, to justify the U.S. statements that the shipment of arms discriminated neither against the Arab states nor Israel.

Pineau Hopes To Form Cabinet By Tomorrow

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Socialist leader, M. Christian Pineau, told President Rene Coty today after two days of party negotiations that he would try to form France's 21st post-war Government.

M. Pineau, third candidate to date, stated that he would present himself and his Cabinet list probably on Friday for the approval of the National Assembly which overthrew the Mendes-France Government on February 5.

The list will not include M. Mendes-France, who rejected M. Pineau's offer of the Vice-Premiership earlier today.

The Socialist leader told reporters after calling on M. Mendes-France that the outgoing Premier had said that he wanted to stay out of public life for two or three months. "I replied that I perfectly understood that he needed a rest, and said I would ask him again in two or three months," M. Pineau added.

If confirmed by the Assembly, M. Pineau would be France's first Socialist Premier in nearly eight years—since M. Paul Ramadier held office in 1947.

Johnston Optimistic Of Arab Acceptance

Confidential reports sent to Washington by Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, stated that his feeling is that the Arabs will accept the Jordan River development plan, according to a dispatch to the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram", from New York.

The four difficult questions to be worked out, Mr. Johnston reported, are the exact amount of water to be divided; the neutral authority to see what water is distributed as agreed; where and for what purpose to use the water; and storage of the water.

Mr. Johnston completed his talks with Syrian Government officials, and today will leave by land route for Beirut. Following completion of his talks in the Lebanese capital, he is due to leave for Israel.

Observers said that the main difficulty now is the division of water as proposed by the U.S. envoy.

No Sincerity in Pacts, Nehru Says in Cairo

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said here tonight that he entirely opposed any military approach towards international problems. He told a Press conference that military pacts and alliances in this atomic age instead of ensuring security, added to the general insecurity.

Mr. Nehru and Prime Minister Abdul Nasser continued their talks during a day-long cruise on the Nile today.

Mr. Nehru said that Japan and China must meet "to remove some of the barriers between them." These two countries "must inevitably play an important role. Perhaps the forthcoming Asian-African conference in Indonesia will be their meeting ground for the good of all Asia," he added.

The independent Cairo newspaper, "Al Akhbar," said today that Mr. Nehru's visit and the accord of outlook between India and Egypt, as well as Yugoslavia, Burma, Indonesia and other countries determined not to form alliances of any sort, should be looked on by the West as a "gigantic effort in favour of democracy and peace."

The government newspaper, "Al Gumhouria," said, "The main purpose of the Nehru-Nasser discussions is to study the most effective means of establishing an international independent status for states which are averse to joining either the Soviet or the American bloc."

The newspaper added that the talks were taking place at a time when Egypt was adopting a determined attitude against attempts to drag her and other Arab countries into "the abyss of Western military alliances."

Dulles Opposes Further Retreat from China Isles

But Non-Committal on Defence

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles today opposed the further surrender by the Formosa Government of coastal positions off the mainland to the Chinese Communists.

Without mentioning the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu by name, Mr. Dulles in a major foreign policy address said: "It has been suggested that Nationalist China should surrender to the Chinese Communists the coastal positions which the Communists need to stage their announced attack on Formosa. It is doubtful that this would serve either the cause of peace or the cause of freedom."

He pointed out that "the U.S. has no commitment and no purpose to defend the coastal positions as such." The official text of his speech underlined the words "as such."

"The basic purpose is to ensure that Formosa and the Pescadores will not be forcibly taken over by the Chinese Communists," Mr. Dulles said, and the U.S. had helped the Nationalist evacuation of the Tachen islands, Yushan and Pishan "so as to avoid a bloody and wasteful battle which would have inflamed public emotions."

No 'Warlike Deeds'

The Secretary of State declared: "We shall be alert to subsequent Chinese Communist actions, rejecting for ourselves any initiative of warlike deeds." He expressed his Government's hopes that the Chinese decision to reject the invitation to the U.N. Security Council was not irrevocable, and that they "will abide by the principles of the U.N. rather than challenge by force the defensive obligations of this country."

With regard to the Soviet Union, Mr. Dulles stated that the evidence of basic policy differences within the country offers the hope that some day the U.S. and Russia may resume "the historic friendship between our countries and our peoples."

He said that he found his hope in the replacement of Mr. Georgi Malenkov as Premier by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin—"an extraordinary demonstration of despotic disarray." What has occurred, Mr. Dulles stated, is still obscure "and perhaps the very last act of the drama has not yet been played... we undoubtedly see an elemental personal struggle for power."

Soviet Hints Chiang May Join Parley

LONDON, Wednesday. — Russia has hinted strongly that she may consider the participation of the Formosa Government in the conference she had proposed to deal with the Formosan question.

The Russians have intimated that they will set out their new proposal formally to India and Britain, probably later this week. Britain has already informed the Soviet Union that she does not see any prospects of success for a 10-nation conference excluding the Nationalists, as proposed by Moscow.

Meanwhile, Peking Radio broadcast an article in the "Peking Daily," organ of the Chinese Government, charging America with abducting 18,000 Chinese from the Tachen islands during the recent evacuation. "Many inhabitants who refused to leave were killed by Chiang Kai-shek's troops," it said.

(In Manila, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, *en route* home from the United States, declared that his Government would defend the islands of Quemoy and Matsu, off the Chinese mainland, regardless of the attitude of America.)

(*UP, Reuter*)

Egypt Reneged Vow To Iraq, Jamali Says

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Wednesday.— The Egyptian Premier, Abdul Nasser, reneged his promise to Iraq a year ago that he would cooperate in Middle Eastern defence as soon as the question of Suez was settled with Britain, Dr. Fadhel Jamali, special Iraqi envoy, told the correspondent of "The New York Times" in Damascus yesterday.

Dr. Jamali, who is now in Beirut continuing his mission of explaining implications of the proposed Turco-Iraqi pact, was optimistic about the Lebanon, Syria and Jordan joining the Western-oriented pact. He added that the union of the "Fertile Crescent" countries, is "our heart's desire."

Israel was Jamali's "Number One threat and enemy." He asserted that Israel "is a danger to the Arabs alone, and they will probably have to go on facing her alone... Communism is a danger to the whole world and it is only common sense to ally ourselves with the free world against it."

Meanwhile, the Arab News Agency reported that Jamali had stated in Beirut that the Anglo-Iraqi treaty would be abrogated immediately after signature of Turco-Iraqi pact, which would take its place.

NEABS reported last night that Jamali welcomed a meeting with the Egyptian Propaganda Minister to thrash out differences regarding the pact with Turkey. Such a meeting was proposed on Tuesday by the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Alfred Naccache. No date has been fixed, Jamali added, and stated flatly that such a meeting could never hope to alter Iraq's firm stand on the proposed pact.

GZ's Spurn Election Parity Body

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The General Zionist Party today informed Mapai that it would not attend the meeting of the Parity Committee on electoral reform scheduled for today. The General Zionists said that this was done because of the attitude of the Mapai representatives on the Central Elections Committee which made any joint activity impossible.

A Mapai spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that his party was "utterly astonished" at the decision. Mapai, he said, sees no connection whatsoever between any vote taken in the Central Elections Committee and the discussions about a problem of such importance as the form of the national elections.

Therefore, Mapai suggests that another meeting of the Parity Committee be held as soon as possible so that negotiations may be brought to an early end.

The cause of the misunderstanding is apparently the feeling the General Zionists have that they have been discriminated against on the Central Election Committee because their candidate for the post of secretary was not accepted, and Mapai supported the nomination of Mr. M. Shilo who held the same office during the last elections.

Furthermore, when arrangements were made for Area Election Committees, the General Zionists did not receive the chairmanship in Tel Aviv, an office which they claimed.

Italian Chief Seen For WEU Arms Pool

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Britain today promised to support an Italian candidate for the directorship of the arms control agency to be set-up by the new seven-nation Western European Union, usually reliable Italian sources said.

Sir Anthony Eden gave this assurance to the Italian Prime Minister, Mr. Mario Scelba, when they met here for foreign policy talks today.

Under the Paris treaties, the arms agency is to control the armed strengths and weapon stocks on the Continent of member countries. It will also see that Bonn does not make any atomic, biological, or chemical weapons.

The director will command a staff of inspectors with full powers for investigating factory production and storage depots. Mr. Scelba did not suggest any particular candidate for the directorship, the sources added.

Hussein Confers With Faisal, Iraqi Cabinet

King Hussein of Jordan held a two-hour meeting with King Faisal and the Iraqi Cabinet yesterday, discussing the question of a united Arab front against Israel, and the Turco-Iraqi pact, INA reported.

King Hussein was seen as a possible mediator in the Egyptian-Iraqi dispute when he will leave for Cairo on Saturday following completion of his visit to Baghdad, according to NEABS. He visited the Iraqi Parliament yesterday, and speakers who welcomed him said that in view of the fact that the Jordan ruler is now personally acquainted with the facts of the case, he should be able to discuss the matter with Premier Abdul Nasser. King Hussein will return to Amman tomorrow and will leave for Cairo after a day's rest.

ARAB RIFT POSTPONES DEFENCE COUNCIL TALKS

The Arab League announced in Cairo yesterday that the scheduled meeting of the Supreme Defence Council on February 25, will be postponed indefinitely due to the present inter-Arab dispute on the proposed Turco-Iraqi pact, the Arab News Agency reported.

The Council is composed of Arab Chiefs of Staff and Foreign Ministers.

U.S. ATOMIC TESTS AGAIN POSTPONED

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Wednesday (Reuter).—Over 1,000 troops have taken up positions for new atomic tests postponed today for the second day because of bad weather.

The tests, the first U.S. atomic tests of 1955, are now due to start in the Nevada desert early tomorrow.

USSR Agrees to Meet Japan 'Anywhere'

TOKYO, Wednesday (UP). — The Soviet Union announced in a note today that it is willing to open negotiations with Japan wherever she wishes in order "to normalise relations" between the two countries.

It was willing to conduct the talks even through the Japanese representatives in the U.N.

Russia and Japan did not sign a peace treaty after World War II, and do not now exchange diplomatic representatives.

The Soviet note came in reply to a Japanese note of February 5 proposing that negotiations be conducted at the U.N., which was itself in reply to a Russian proposal to open talks.

SHAH IN BRITAIN

SOUTHAMPTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Shah of Persia and Queen Soraya arrived in Southampton today in the British liner Queen Mary from New York on a one-week private visit to England.

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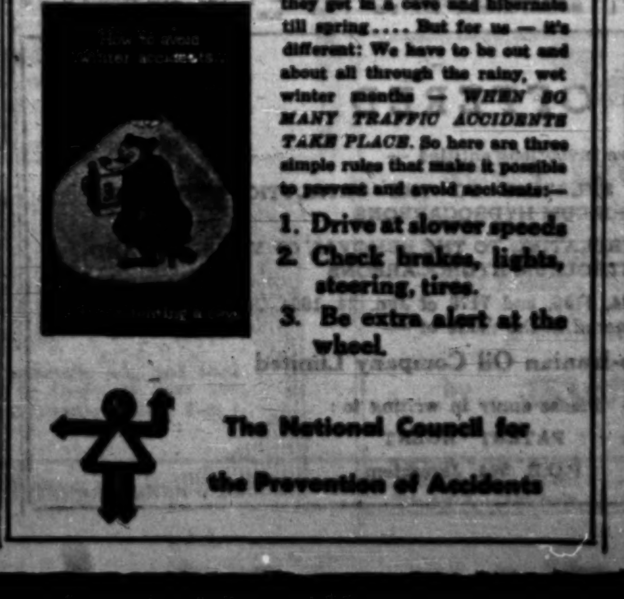
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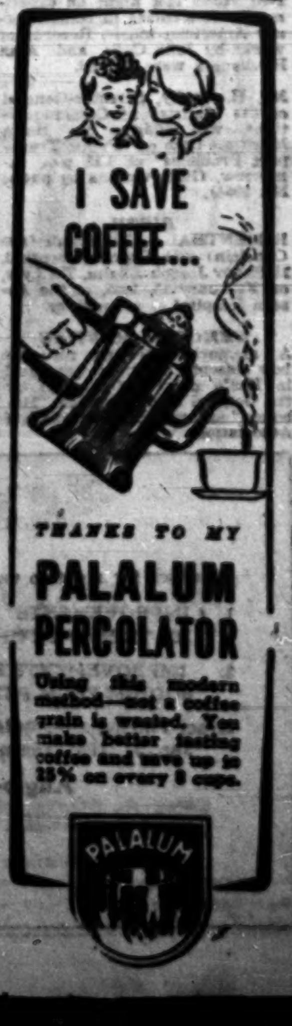
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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. S. B. Yeshaya, the newly-appointed Jerusalem District Representative, who was presented by Mr. A. S. Moyal, Director-General of the Ministry of Interior. The President also received Mr. Zvi Trivaks, a member of the Presidium of the United Israel Appeal in Argentina.

President Ben-Zvi received Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hockstader and Mr. Robert Schiffer, all of New York, yesterday. Earlier, the visitors were the luncheon guests of the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, at the Israel Touring Club. Those present included Mr. Justice Berinson; the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz; the Israel Bond Chairman, Mr. J. Sugarman; the legal adviser to the Ministry of Labour, Mr. Y. Bar-Niv; the ILO Correspondent in Israel, Mr. David Krivine; and the Director of the Israel Bond Office, Mr. Leo Krown.

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The Yugoslav Minister to Israel and Mrs. J. Vukmanovic, accompanied by Mr. Samuic, of the Legation, and representatives of the Foreign Ministry, visited the Weizmann Institute of Science yesterday and paid their respects at the grave of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. They were received by members of the administrative and scientific staffs.

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The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, yesterday received Mr. Shlomo Arazi, Chairman of the Central Independence Day Committee, who gave him details about the forthcoming Independence Day programmes.

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ARRIVALS: The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Terence McDermot, from Athens (by Cyprus Airways); Mr. J. Slowikovski, First Secretary of the Polish Legation, after a brief home leave (by TWA); Mr. I. Tagger, member of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod, from a six-week visit to South Africa (by El Al); Mr. Monroe Green, Advertising Director of "The New York Times," and Mrs. Green for a short tour of the country; Professor J.L. Walsh, Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University, as a guest of the Hebrew University; Professor James Plaut, Curator of the Boston Museum of Modern Art and Mrs. Plaut, for a two-week visit; Dr. Azriel Carlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv", from India (by Sabena).

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Amnon Lev, of Kol Yisrael, for three months study in the U.S. under the Point Four Programme (by TWA); Mr. Wellesley Aron, representative of Pan American Air Lines and President of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, to London for one week on company business (by Sabena).

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Professor I. Kleeberg, of Jerusalem, was elected chairman and Dr. D. Birnbaum, of Jerusalem, Secretary of the Israel Gastro-Enterological Society, a newly established branch of the Israel Society of Internal Medicine. The new Society will also act as an independent body in relation to the International Society of Gastro-Enterology.

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Miss Pnina Salzmann, Mr. Menahem Pressler and Mr. Joachim Stutschewsky have joined the Staff of The Israel Conservatoire and Academy of Music in Tel Aviv.

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Mr. Nat Pal, President of the Socialist Youth International, toured northern Israel and the Jordan Valley yesterday.

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Dr. Y. Ben-Amotz, Director of Shell Chemicals, and Mr. D. Krinsky, Sales Manager of the Company, have left for Cyprus to discuss the increasing export of Shell Chemicals agricultural insecticides, manufactured in Israel.

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Mr. Yohanan Zarai lectured at Beit Hillel last night on experimental tendencies in contemporary American music. Records of works by John Cage and Alan Hovhaness were played.

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Mr. H. Rastiy, Director-General of the Ministry of Communications, will address the Haifa Maritime Club on "Public Transport Problems" at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow. (Reservations by phone No. 3834).

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BIRTH

ROSENTHAL — To Yonah (nee Ornstein) and Eugen Rosenthal, 21 Rehov Joseph Eliahu, Tel Aviv, on February 15, 1955, at the Assuta Hospital — a daughter.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for the late Joseph Hoffman was held in Haifa on Tuesday night by the General Zionist branch, "Haboker," and the Haifa Journalists Association.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post February 17, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal

Before Justices Agranat, Silberg, and Sussman.

Simcha Yeni, Appellant, v. Z. Fink and the "Shahar" Transport Company, Respondents.

(C.A. 129/53).

Driving Speed Must Be Reasonable

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court delivered on June 12, 1953 (C.C. 160/51).

The first respondent was driving a crowded bus belonging to the Shahar Company, the second respondents, past a busy crossing in Herzl Street, Haifa, on a day in August 1950, when the appellant, a seven-year old girl, darted across the street. The bus-driver jammed on his brakes and brought the bus to a standstill 8.2 metres further on, just failing to miss the child who fell beneath the front left wheel which came to rest on her leg, completely crushing it. As a result of the accident, the girl's left leg was amputated.

The appellant sued the respondents for damages to the extent of IL17,000 in the Haifa District Court. Judge Landau, holding that the driver had not exceeded a speed of 25 kilometres per hour and had therefore not committed a breach of statutory duty, dismissed the claim. Simcha Yeni appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court.

Mr. S. Toister appeared for the appellant, Mr. D. Bechor for the respondents.

Judgment

The Supreme Court judgment was delivered by Justice Sussman who agreed with Mr. Toister that, while a speed of 25 kilometres an hour within a built-up area was permissible according to law, this did not mean that it was permissible for a driver to drive at that speed anywhere and everywhere in a built-up area. There were certain places where it was dangerous to drive even at such a speed, and it was the duty of a driver to travel at a speed which was reasonable in the circumstances, in view of the nature, the condition and the use of the road in question, and the amount of traffic on it.

Considering the facts of the case, Justice Sussmann considered that in the circumstances the driver had been in duty bound not to travel at the maximum permissible speed but at such a speed as would have enabled him to avert any threat to the safety of pedestrians, including the most negligent amongst them. It is a well-known rule of the road, the Justice said, that it is the duty of a driver to take into account the possible negligence of pedestrians and to act accordingly. If the first respondent had been sufficiently prudent he would have anticipated the possibility that one of the group of people whom he saw standing on the kerb, and particularly the child, might suddenly decide to dart across the street, and he would have taken the necessary precautions.

In laying down what these necessary precautions are, Justice Sussman pointed out that the general principle should be: if a particular spot in the road is likely to be dangerous, then it is the duty of a driver to drive at such a speed as to enable him to prevent any serious consequences resulting from the possible danger. In the present case, in the light of the evidence, the appropriate speed at which the first respondent should have been driving was such as to enable him to pull up within three metres after applying his brakes. Since he had pulled up only 8.2 metres after applying his brakes, it was apparent that he had been driving at a speed which was excessive in the circumstances, and he had therefore been negligent.

Appeal allowed and the case returned to the District Court to establish the amount of compensation due to the appellant.

Judgment given on February 9, 1955.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARMON: Beachhead.
EDEN: Torch Song.
EDISON: Jealousy, 2nd week. 3.30 & 6.30 only.
ORGIL: The Moon is Blue, 3rd week.
ORION: Prince Valiant, 2nd week.
ORNA: Crossed Swords.
RON: "L'Age de l'Amour", 3rd week. At 1.30 p.m.: Buck Privates.
STUDIO: Kind Hearts and Coronets.
TEL OR: "La Route du Bonheur".
ZION HALL: Lucrezia Borgia, 2nd week.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ARMON DAVID: Romeo and Juliet.
ALLENBY: "Les Enfants de l'Amour", 6th week.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny, 3rd week.
EDEN: Sins of Jezebel.
ESTHER: Scandal at Scourie, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: The Robe, 3rd week; 3.30, 7.15 and 9.45 p.m.
OPHIR: "Le Grand Jeu", 2nd week.
ORION: City Lights.
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 5th week. Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.: Alias Nick Beal.
ZAMIR: So Big, 9th week; 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Continuous from 10 a.m.: Conquest of Everest.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Three Coins in the Fountain, 3rd week.
EN DOR: Warpath.
ORION: The Blue Gardenia.
PEER: "Mensogna".
GAL OR: Dance Little Lady, 6th week, 6.45 and 9 p.m. Matinees: Along the Great Divide.

A STEEL SAFE, containing IL1,600 and various documents, which had been stolen on Sunday night from the Solel Boneh office in Ramat Gan, was found yesterday, forcibly opened and empty, in a disused flat at the end of Rehov Ahva, Tel Aviv. Burnt fragments of the documents were found nearby.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
392, 249, 42.9 & 29.3 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 1.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.50 Opera (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. This and That. 4.30 Light Music (T.A.) 4.50 Where To Go (Jerusalem). 5.00 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.30 Child's Corner. 7.00 Concert Hall: "Plates" Orchestra Suite (Rameau-Artire). Oboe Concerto (Krommer); Dance (Debussy-Ravel). 7.35 From the World of Music. 8.00 Press Conference. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Knesset and its Committees. 9.15 Piano Recital: Arieh Avilea; Handelian Rhapsody (Scott); Prelude (Bastard); Variations on a popular Polish Theme (Szymanovsky) Scherzo No. 4 (Chopin). 9.45 Variety Programme. 10.15 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Lotti Kristall: Works by Puccini, Gershwin, Krongold, Wolfsohn & MacDowell. 10.45 Night Music. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
490, 285, 216, 407, 48.9 & 29.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (32.2 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. Newsreel. 11.35 "The Prophet of San Nicandro."

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 316, 225 & 339 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Phantasy. 7.30 Songs. 7.50 Music. 8.00 Danny Kaye Feature. 8.30 News 8.45 Classical Request Programme: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Tchaikowsky). 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.80, 24.92, 30.53 & 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Curtain Up.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Solarfixes"—Photographs by Theodore Brauner. Copper and Silver Reliefs by Arieh Merzer. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6. Fridays and Saturdays 10-1.

Opening by Mr. Joseph Sprinzak of Copper and Silver Reliefs Exhibition by Arieh Merzer, 5 p.m. Artists House.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 23 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Oil Paintings and Pen Drawings by Yosl Bergner. Exhibit of the Month: Glass Vessel mounted in gold, 1st-3rd centuries A.D., gift of Mr. Jack Linsky, New York. Also Arts and Crafts Exhibition in memory of Mr. Y. Elath, Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-5. Fridays 9-1. Saturdays 10-1.

Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Den Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 4-6.

The Rambam Exhibit, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5—8 p.m., at the Mossad Harav Kook.

★ Film Shows:—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11:30 a.m.

★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

★ Tours—
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions: —
1) Abstract and Surrealistic Paintings, 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works, 3) Hiroshige colour woodcuts (Collection Jr. — Mc Grall). Open daily 10-4, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

★ Theatre: —
Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny" Habimah, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Theatres—
DO-RE-MI "Rose from Istanbul," Ovak, 8.30 and 9 p.m.
Habimah, "The Wild Duck," Armon Theatre, 9 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ Theatres—
Yiddisher Komedie Theatre—"Die Dorfische Libe" — Libgold, Liliana. — 8.30 p.m.

TIBERIAS

★ Theatres—
"Motke Fun Odes," P. Burstein — L. Lux. Aviv Cinema — 8.30 p.m.

UNICEF Studies Grant For Welfare Services

The UNICEF Executive Board will consider at its forthcoming March meetings a proposal for an expenditure of $57,600 for additional support to Israel's maternal and child welfare services. This was stated by Mrs. Mary Patricia Hartwell, Public Information Director of UNICEF, who left Israel yesterday after a brief visit. The Government of Israel would match the value of UNICEF supplies in local goods and services.

Mrs. Hartwell, who is touring centres of UNICEF activities the world over, visited cooperative Israel-UNICEF projects in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa with Mrs. H. Kahn of the Interministerial Committee for Foreign Relief. Mrs. Hartwell also inspected the polio wing of the Sarafand Rehabilitation Centre where UNICEF is supplying equipment while the World Health Organization provides certain personnel and fellowships.

Since the beginning of UNICEF's work in this country in 1948, a total of $1,110,100 of UNICEF aid has been approved and expanded for maternal and child welfare, shoes, tuberculosis prevention, child feeding and milk conservation, the visitor declared. This amount includes $300,000 for milk-bottling machinery, bottle manufacturing equipment and refrigerating facilities in Tel Aviv and Haifa. It is planned that 500,000 mothers and children will benefit directly from this programme.

Before returning to her New York headquarters for the UNICEF Executive Board meetings, Mrs. Hartwell will visit Europe, Scandinavia, and the U.K.

JAPAN TO PRODUCE HEAVY WATER

CHALK FARM, Ontario, Wednesday (Reuter). — Fourteen Japanese scientists who recently visited British atomic establishments, said here Japan expects to produce heavy water cheaply and in quantity within a few years.

Japan hoped to exchange it for uranium from countries like Canada and the United States, they said. The scientists have been visiting the Canadian atomic station.

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Students Decide on FISU Games

Participation in principle in the International Federation of University Sports (FISU) Summer Games at San Sebastian next August and the staging of the annual "open" ASA championships next month were among the decisions reached at the second Annual Congress of the Academic Sports Association in Tel Aviv last week-end.

Provided certain minimum standards are reached, and financial matters arranged, the ASA proposed sending a delegation of 30 athletes, comprising a basketball team, track and field men and swimmers to Spain. The annual championships are to be held in Tel Aviv next month and the two-day programme will include contests in track and field, basketball, volleyball and table tennis.

It was reported that two Swedish students were expected to participate in the "Students Day" meeting on May 11 next and that an invitation had been extended to the Indian delegation to the games in Spain to come here. These international connections arise from contacts made when the ASA delegation participated in a students tournament in Budapest last year, where cordial relationships were established with other student groups.

In addition ASA resolved to intensify its participation in nation-wide sport. In addition to the basketball teams from the University and Technion now active in the Israel League, a committee, headed by Walter Frankel, will take upon itself the organization of the annual Independence Day Relay Race. It was decided that a student participating in the name of the ASA, or any affiliated body, would not be able to turn out for any other club in the same sport during the same season.

Mr. Adin Theilhaber was re-elected Chairman and Messrs. Yitzhak Gelman and Amnon Yishai were elected to represent Haifa on the Central Committee. Tel Aviv's representatives have still to be named. It was proposed that the President of the University, Prof. Mazar, and Professors Olitzky, Schwabe, Fraenkel and Grushkin, all members of the University Sports Committee, be elected honorary members of ASA. Messrs. Emanuel Rikli and Shlomo Chen were elected as the first Life Members of the Association in view of past services, the former as a member of the University Committee since 1947 and the latter as a member of the Technion Committee since 1948.

Free Communications Will Prevent War, Says Bush

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — Dr. Vannevar Bush, one of America's most eminent scientists, said tonight that the world's best hope in the long run to avoid suicidal war depended on free and effective communications between peoples.

"There is no people on earth that would wish to go to war if it understood the appalling consequences of such an act," he said at an American Society of Mechanical Engineers dinner.

"Any war that brought into use the atomic bomb or one of the many possible terrifying weapons could result only in disaster to both participants" he declared.

It would set "the clock of civilisation back perhaps a thousand years and deliver the world again to barbarism and pestilence.

"If the peoples of the world know this, there will be no great wars. All attempts by demagogues to lead a nation to conquest will fail if the people really understand. And this is a matter of communications.

"Our hope rests on the gradual spread of knowledge among men, and on the assumption that with knowledge will come true wisdom. In this hope we depend on the improvement of means of communication and the gradual disappearance of obstacles to their full employment," he concluded.

Notice to the Public

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1) Tenders are invited for the supply of 25 Automatic Postal Letter Scales, capacity 3 kg., precision 0,1 gr.
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5) Tenders accompanied by the guarantee must be addressed to the Director General, Ministry of Posts, Jerusalem, in a double envelope. The inner envelope is to be marked "Tender—Tender for Supply of Scales". Tenders not submitted in the above manner will not be considered.
6) A certificate to the effect that the tenderer has fulfilled his obligations as regards income tax is to be enclosed with the tender.
7) Samples of scales are to be submitted to the Acquisition Division of the Ministry of Posts, Tel Aviv.
8) Tenders must be submitted not later than March 1, 1955, 12 noon.
9) The Director General, Ministry of Posts, is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Director General,
Ministry of Posts.

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4. } ISATION OF PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS
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6. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE REFINING OF PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to fair.

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Tiberias	[illegible]	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Haifa Port	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nazareth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tel Aviv Kirya	60	10	[illegible]	21
Tel Aviv Port	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lydda Airport	67	8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jerusalem	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beersheba	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
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*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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300 HASSIDIM from Bnei Brak and Lydda besieged a house in Ramle yesterday where four women of the Messianic Jews Society had met for prayer with a guest from Tel Aviv. When the Hassidim tried to prevent the Tel Avivian from leaving the house, the police dispersed them and took the guest away in a car.

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CHARGES of offering for sale camel and horse meat, as well as beef and pork not examined by Municipal inspectors were filed yesterday in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court against six butchers and cafe owners.

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THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy to Mt. Scopus went up to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital buildings yesterday.

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A STUDY HALL, named "Bet Rahel" after the late Rahel Ichilov, a teacher and sister of Mr. Ezra Ichilov, M.K., was dedicated on Tuesday at the PICA School in Petah Tikva on the occasion of the second anniversary of her death.

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A GROUP of 15 young persons, 11 of Habonim, three of B'nei Zion and one of B'nei Akiva, arrived yesterday by El Al from South Africa for a year of study at the Jewish Agency Seminar in Jerusalem for youth leaders from abroad.

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145,966,545 kilowatt hours of electricity were consumed during the last two months of 1954, as follows: 45,260,454 for industrial purposes, 22,525,926 for irrigation and 78,980,465 for other purposes.

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PASSENGER TICKETS on vessels operating between Italian ports and the U.S., Australia, Central and South America may now be purchased in Israel pounds at the rate of IL1.800 per dollar, plus a 15 per cent travel tax, Peltours announced yesterday.

Money in Circulation Rises by IL600,000

Currency in circulation was IL189,850,611 at the close of business yesterday, a rise of IL602,572 over the previous week.

Treasury bills rose by IL1,550,000 while foreign currency holdings dropped by IL974,438.

The currency was backed by gold in the International Monetary Fund, IL2,035,085; foreign currency balance, IL49,039,536; land bills, IL77,286,000; and Treasury bills and Government obligations, IL41,520,000.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Poultry: for Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, 300 gms., (not 250 gms. as previously announced), Ayin 26, temp. 44. Frozen meat: 300 gms., Tav Bet 7, temp. 39. TEL AVIV AND SOUTH — Filled chocolate: 1 package for Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, no coupon, temp. 13. Cornflour: 600 gms. for Aleph cards, no coupon, temp. 25.

Tomatoes have not been derationed, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman said yesterday, denying a report appearing in some newspapers.

A 300-gram ration has been announced at a price of 340 prutot a kilogram. If and when the supply increases, the sale of a portion of it at "free" prices may be permitted, the spokesman added.

Eliahou and Lucy FARHI, (née Khayat)
are happy to announce the birth of a
SON
brother to Yossi.
The Brith Milah will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, 1955 at the Rothschild Hospital, Haifa.

Meyer and Sarah Kaplan
are happy to announce the birth of
a SON
The Brith Milah will take place on Saturday, February 19, 1955 at 11 a.m. at [illegible], Rishon Le-Zion.
Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

Ya'acov and Rachel Ardon Haifa
report the birth of a
SON
February 15, 1955.

Michael and Dagmar BUCHBINDER,
née [illegible],
are happy to announce the birth of a
SON
The Brith Milah will take place at the Moledet Maternity Home, Mt. Carmel, Haifa on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m.

We hereby wish to thank all who expressed their sympathy on the death of our member
Uri Avigad ([illegible])
The memorial meeting will take place at Netzer-Sereni, today, the 30th day since his passing, at 5 p.m.
The grave will be visited at 4 p.m.
A special bus will leave at 3 p.m. from the Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv.
BEIT [illegible]

Haifa Buses Renew War on 'Sherut'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Egged drivers again jammed traffic in the main streets of Hadar Hacarmel today, in protest against the eight sherut taxi lines which have been operating here since Sunday. Some 15 empty buses cruised slowly up and down Rehov Herzl and halted at intersections, deliberately obstructing traffic.

When drivers refused police orders to move, the buses were driven off and the drivers given summonses. One driver was charged with assaulting a policeman, and another with hindering him in his duties. Both were released on bail.

The Egged management here has complained that the authorities were acquiescing in a change of the status quo by the sherut drivers after a promise only two days ago by Mayor A. Khoushy that it would be maintained. He also promised then that the 15-metre bounds on both sides of bus stops would be marked and taxis kept off the kerb there.

In fact, Egged claims, stopping places for taxis were marked out, most of them closer to bus stops or street corners than the law permits.

Mr. Khoushy said tonight, "The Municipality will grant a monopoly to neither side, and will protect no vested interest except that of the public. The Municipality is interested in competition."

'Tel Aviv Taxi Men Propose 'Real System'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The suggestion that a properly organized sherut taxi service should be instituted here was made today by the Taxi Drivers' Union to the Municipal Traffic Department. The Secretary of the Union, Mr. Moshe Lipshitz, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the drivers had been asked to give their suggestions following the recent promulgation of a by-law prohibiting all taxi parking in the centre of the town from next Sunday.

Mr. Lipshitz said that he had asked the Municipality to take sterner measures to prevent those taxis not registered for service within the Tel Aviv-Jaffa boundaries from operating there. The proposed sherut routes would operate from official ranks, and each taxi would be registered at one of them.

There are more than 900 members in the Taxi Drivers Union in this city. There are about 300 unorganized drivers.

Insinuations in some sections of the Press that money belonging to the Taxi Drivers Union has been stolen by committee members were unfounded, Mr. Yitshak Bergman, head of the Union's Auditing Committee, told this reporter. He admitted that he was dissatisfied with the excess expenditure on gifts and travelling, and revealed that his committee would begin a thorough examination of the books tomorrow.

POLICE POUNCE ON LAX CYCLISTS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A police raid on cyclists riding at night without lights was begun this evening in Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Holon, Bat Yam, Ramat Gan and Givatayim. Traffic police, working in pairs, confiscated all bicycles not having lights in working order or lacking other accessories required by law.

The seized machines will be held tonight at Tel Aviv district traffic police headquarters where they will be inspected for mechanical defects and their ownership and licences checked.

WATER PIPE LINE TO SDE BOKER COMPLETED

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — The laying of a six-inch water pipe line from Kfar Yeroham to Sde Boker was completed today. The line is 500 metres from Sde Boker, and the settlers are now working to connect this line to their own water system. They are already using part of their daily ration of 300 cubic metres to water fruit trees.

Rosemary For Remembrance

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — To smooth over the memory of being hit on the head with a frying pan, Mrs. Meral, of this town, is to receive from her husband a bouquet of flowers every week for three months with an attached card saying "with repentance and love."

This was decided today by Magistrate Ya'acov Bar-Ze'ev, in passing judgment on the husband, who returned home one night later than his wife thought proper. In the ensuing argument, he used the nearest kitchen utensil to show who was master of the house. Today, he was also bound over to be of good behaviour for two years.

Court Delays Ruling On Galilee Village

The High Court of Justice yesterday called on the Government and villagers of Rabsieh, in Western Galilee, to come to an agreement on the future of the village, and announced that it would give its ruling on the case in another fortnight. Both sides agreed to the proposal, which Justice Landau is to help implement.

In 1951, the villagers were expelled from Rabsieh, which lies on the Nahariya-Tarshiha road, in accordance with an order from the Galilee Military Governor which declared the village a closed area. In November, 1951, however, the High Court ruled that the order was illegal since it had not been officially gazetted.

About a week later, the Military Governor issued a second order which was duly published. All the villagers applied to the High Court for an order nisi asking the Governor to show why they should not return to their homes. The Court granted the order but only in regard to 15 families who had remained in the village between the Governor's first and second orders.

The High Court also issued a second order nisi at the request of 45 villagers who asked to be permitted to enter and leave the village freely.

600m. From Homes

In yesterday's proceedings, Counsel for the villagers, Mr. G. Cherniak of Haifa, pointed out that the expelled villagers were permitted to work their fields on condition that they did not live in their former houses or construct others. He said that the village of Dagon, where they now lived, was only 600 metres from Rabsieh.

The State Attorney, Mr. Colin Gluckman pointed out that the village was near a crossroad and that a great difference existed between working the fields and living in the village.

Justice Landau noted that another Arab village also lay near the same crossroad.

The court was composed of Justice Olshan (President) and Justices Silberg and Landau.

Jewish and Arab Scouts in Council

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three loud cheers ([illegible]) in Arabic were given yesterday for President Ben-Zvi by representatives of Arab scout organizations, who, together with representatives of the Jewish Scouts Organization, were welcomed at the President's House in Jerusalem on the occasion of the first meeting of the Council of the newly formed Boy and Girl Scouts Federation of Israel, at which Mr. Ben-Zvi was named its honorary president.

Founding members of the Federation are the Jewish Scouts (some 8,000 strong), the Catholic Scouts (Bishop Hakim's Greek Catholics) and the Scouts of the State Arab Schools (who are mostly Moslems). At yesterday's Council held at the Wise Youth Hostel in Bayit Vegan under the chairmanship of the Federation president, Dr. Moshe Avidor, three more groups were admitted to membership: the Arab Scouts of Israel (Greek Orthodox), the Druze Scouts, and the Scouts of Terra Santa (Roman Catholic). All five Arab groups total about 1,000 members.

A guard of honour of Jerusalem scouts gave the scout salute to members of the Council who had come from all over the country. The meeting was devoted mainly to the election of committees and adoption of by-laws, with amendments suggested by the Baden-Powell world organization to make the Israel Federation eligible for membership in the international organization.

At the President's reception later, a foundation scroll signed by all the participants was read out in Hebrew by Mr. Yosef Meyuhas, the Scout Commissioner, and in Arabic by Mr. Elias Nagim of the Catholic Scouts of Nazareth. The Minister of Education explained the significance of the formation of the National Federation of Scouts, and Dr. Avidor welcomed the President, who in his reply, expressed the wish that the Federation would embrace all the youth of the country.

One by one, the Scoutmasters and members of the Council were introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi and the Terra Santa Scouts brought them a gift of engraved olive wood and mother of pearl.

The Federation recently arranged two courses for scout leaders, attended by 35 Arab teachers, five of them women, and six Druze instructors. As a result, 21 new scout troops were formed within the Arab school network, and 17 troops in Druze villages.

The Federation has been invited to the World Scouts' Jamboree to be held this summer in Ontario, Canada, Mr. Meyuhas disclosed at the first session of the Ministry of Education committee for scouting held in the morning.

He backed a proposal to send a ten-man delegation to the Jamboree if travel expenses can be covered.

HAIFA—CITY OF SONG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A "Week of Jewish Song" is to be held here from Sunday, under the auspices of the Labour Council's Cultural Department, as a means of amalgamating the heterogeneous elements of the population on the cultural level. Similar experiments of the Council last year, such as the "Hebrew Book" and Bible Weeks proved very popular.

Such weekly events are henceforth to be held twice a year, in summer and winter, renewing and refashioning the ancient tradition of "yarhei kalah," a month of intellectual stimulation for the entire people.

Every evening of next week will be devoted to a different type of song: the modern tribes (Yemenite, Bukharian, Iraqi, North African and others); Biblical; cantoral and Hassidic; folklore (Hebrew and Yiddish); Jerusalem; while the last evening will commemorate the life work of the composer Yoel Engel.

Simultaneously, an exhibition will be held at Beit [illegible], documenting the beginnings of Hebrew songs and showing a unique collection of musical instruments, including the Bezalel Museum's Koussevitzky and private collections.

The Labour Council is not waiting for the public to come to the principal events in Hadar Hacarmel theatres. The theme will be taken into 34 districts and to 130 places of work, and a total of some 50,000 persons are expected to take part in the Song Week, about 600 as performers.

Ike to Meet Malenkov At the Adloyada

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — President Eisenhower and the Soviet ex-Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, exchange a smile as Isaiah's prophecy comes true and the "wolf lies down with the lamb" at the former Levant Fair grounds here where Israel-American Graphic Industries Ltd. are preparing giant-sized dolls for the first Adloyada festival to be held in 20 years.

The Municipality has placed orders amounting to tens of thousands of pounds with the company, which is to provide almost 140 dolls and some 20 floats. These figures do not include the many exhibits by private firms.

Working in two shifts, skilled craftsmen are putting the finishing touches to the giant wire-framed, papier-mache figures, some of them four metres high, which portray world personalities of all periods.

WORKER INJURED BY METAL SHEET

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Elisha Cohen, 34, of ma'bara Tira, near here, was seriously injured at the Consolidated Refineries Ltd. this morning while he and two other workers were attempting to lift a metal sheet, weighing nearly 200 kilos. The sheet bent and hit Cohen, knocking him unconscious. He was taken to the Rambam Hospital, where, later, he was reported to be in a critical condition.

1,370,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS ABROAD

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — America has 1,370,000 combat troops — nearly half its total force—stationed at 520 bases outside the continental U.S., according to the Defence Department. Combat forces within the U.S. total another 1,608,000. The Defence Department reported this to the House Armed Services Committee.

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Kfar Saba Budget

KFAR SABA, Wednesday. — The Kfar Saba Local Council today adopted an ordinary and a development budget, totalling IL1,080,000 and IL350,000, respectively. Rates in the township have not been raised in three years.

Education, water supply, social assistance and agricultural services, such as fruit-tree spraying, were the chief expenditure items in the IL420,000 budget approved today by the Pardess Hanna Local Council.

Chamber Theatre Opens Own Home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The new building of the Chamber Theatre Company, at 4 Rehov Nahmani here, was inaugurated today in the presence of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett, the Mayor of Tel Aviv and Mrs. Levanon, the Chief of Staff and Mrs. Dayan and many other guests.

Mr. Sharett called on the Company not to remain tied to its beautiful new home, but to bring "the blessings of artistic creation" to all parts of Israel. The Chamber Theatre, he said, has, since its birth ten years ago contributed to the creation of an Israel theatrical tradition.

In reply, Mr. Yosef Millo, founder of the Company and its artistic director, said that the group would continue to go on circuit, declaring that there was no reason why there should not be companies in Haifa and in the South.

The ceremony opened with Mrs. Sharett receiving a bouquet of tea roses from two children dressed as the pages who accompany the hunters in the Forest of Arden in Shakespeare's "As You Like It" (which is having its premiere tomorrow night). The Prime Minister cut the ribbon stretched across the stage in front of the burgundy-red curtain.

With the entire Company seated on the stage, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, under Georg Singer, played Beethoven's Egmont overture.

The new theatre was designed by the architectural firm of Carmi, Yashar and Tsarfati.

Hadassah in US To Step-Up Contribution

The Hadassah Medical Organization of America will increase its contributions in order to cover a deficit of IL1m. incurred in the present year, Dr. Kalman Mann, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, disclosed on his return from consultations in the U.S.

Dr. Mann reported with satisfaction that all differences of opinion regarding the new Medical Centre were settled during his talks. Preliminary plans have been endorsed and working drafts are promised within six months.

This gap will not delay work on the site at Ein Karem. The Nurses' Home foundations have reached the first floor, and ground-clearing for the hospital basement will follow shortly. A competition for a design for the medical staff housing will be announced in May.

A total of $1m. to be used for the establishment of work villages in Galilee has been raised by various branches of Hadassah in the U.S. through the settlement adoption scheme, Mrs. Dorothy Brill, National J.N.F. Chairman of Hadassah, announced yesterday.

HEFTMAN MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A Joseph Heftman Memorial Fund has been established by the many public institutions in which the late journalist was an active leader, Mr. Y. Gruman, of "Haboker," announced at a memorial meeting in the Journalists Association rooms at 37 Rothschild Boulevard here today.

The fund is negotiating for the establishment of a Chair in Journalism named after the deceased, and a committee has been elected to compile and publish an anthology of Heftman's writings. The Association is to award an annual prize named after their late president.

Mr. Haim Shurer, of "Davar", and Mr. Mark Turkov, of the "World Jewish Congress", spoke. After the meeting, colleagues and friends of the deceased visited his grave.

Five in Court For Murder of Bigamist

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A family of five, a woman with an infant in her arms, her mother and father and two brothers, appeared in the District Court here today charged with the murder of the woman's husband. They are: Reuven Abdu, of Kfar Gabirol (formerly Kubeiba) his wife, Leah, their sons, Yihye and Suleiman, and their daughter Tufha, who held an infant in her arms. The five are accused of murdering Moshe Savian on July 17, 1954, in Kfar Gabirol.

The victim's first wife, Daisy Savian, told the court that in 1951 she came with her husband to Kfar Gabirol, where their second child was born.

There, she continued, her husband began a love affair with Tufha Abdu. When the latter became pregnant, the witness' husband married her by a special rabbinical permit. Tufha came to live in Savian's hut, but the relations between the two women were always bad and, two months before the murder, Tufha returned to her parents.

Two days before the murder, the witness went on, Moshe Savlan and Tufha quarrelled when they met in the Social Welfare Office. Tufha threatened that on Saturday, when her brother Suleiman was expected home on leave from the Army, he and her other brother, Yihye, would kill Moshe.

On the following Saturday, a quarrel broke out between Moshe Savian and the Abdu family, in the course of which Savian was killed.

The trial was adjourned until tomorrow. On the bench are Judges Zundelewicz, Mani and Rave. *(Itim)*

Druze Family Heads Held for Murder Try

ACRE, Wednesday. — The heads of two Druze families which fought a pitched battle with hand grenades and rifles, at Kafr Kisra in Galilee, early on Monday, were today remanded in custody here on charges of attempted murder. They are Ali Ibrahim Nasreddin, 46, and Saleh Abed Shumeri, 50. Another 14 villagers were remanded for ten days each.

The two families have maintained a long-standing feud which flared up this week over a debt which a man in one camp was slow in repaying to a man in the other. A police guard is still maintaining order in the village.

BRITANNIC BRINGS 500 SIGHTSEERS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — About 500 passengers arrived here this morning in the British luxury liner, the s.s. Britannic, for a two-day visit as part of a Mediterranean cruise. Over 100 taxis and several buses whisked them off on sightseeing tours to various parts of the country, including Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Galilee. Several dozen persons will pass through Mandelbaum Gate into Jordan, boarding the ship again in Alexandria.

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Cables in Brief

STONE HEAD. — A stone head believed to date back to the early Iron Age (about 800 B.C.) has been found built into the walls of the Parish Church at St. Donat near St. Veit, Carinthia, Austria.

MOUNTAINS.—Two new mountains and "one of the highest mountain ranges on earth" have been found by Soviet surveyors in the Far East of Russia and North-East Siberia, the official Soviet news agency TASS said yesterday.

STRIKE. — More than 1,500 busmen from four of the London transport systems depots, went on strike on Tuesday night in protest against new work schedules involving cuts in services. About 300 buses and trolley buses were off the road yesterday.

RANSOM. — Mr. G.A. Minto, British Consul in Rangoon, returned to the Burmese capital yesterday from the jungle, where he was reported to have handed bandits 25,000 kyats (£1,870) ransom for Colonel Perrott, a retired officer who was kidnapped on a duck shooting trip 11 days ago.

Suspects Named In Rubinstein Murder

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — The New York State Prosecutor told a judge today that he felt he knew who killed the financier, Serge Rubinstein, who was found strangled in his luxurious home last month. He said that a chauffeur, Herman Scholz, 50, had named as suspects three members of the underworld to whom he had "conveyed a very interesting idea" of kidnapping Rubinstein.

The Prosecutor, Mr. Alexander Herman, did not disclose the names of the suspects. The judge granted his application that Scholz be held as a material witness, and fixed bail at $25,000.

In court today, the judge told Scholz, "There is no claim that you are charged with the killing."

Nahariya Honours Two American Writers

NAHARIYA, Wednesday. — To celebrate the 60th birthdays of Pierre Van Paassen and Maurice Samuel, well-known American writers, the Nahariya public library is exhibiting some of their works as "Books of the Week."

Both the writers were born on February 8, 1895, and both became ardent Zionists.

DOVID KNUT INTERRED IN POETS' CORNER

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Dovid Knut, leading Russian poet, who died yesterday, was buried here today beside Mendel Karou in the Poets' Corner of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

At the service in the great synagogue, the deceased was eulogized by Mr. Yosef Yadin, of the Chamber Theatre, and by the writer, Mr. A. Broides. Knut's widow, Lea, is a member of the Chamber Theatre company.

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St. Simeon's Feast

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The service was conducted by Archbishop Benedictos of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and Archimandrite Ignatios, the Abbot of the Monastery.

After the main service, Mr. Yousef Khouri was consecrated as parish priest of the village of Sankin near Acre in succession to his late father. Dr. S. Colbi, head of the Christian Division of the Ministry for Religious Affairs who was present at the ceremony, expressed the good wishes of the Government to the new priest.

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STATE DIAGNOSIS

THE fifth annual report of the State Comptroller contains ample internal evidence to show how important this comprehensive and searching inquiry into the state of the nation's administration has become. The report seems to have two dominant themes, for on almost every one of the 255 pages there are two special sections "What is the position"; "What needs to be done?" Nothing in the administration of the country escapes the searching scrutiny; from the position of a signboard outside a Ministry or minor government department, to the system of import licensing in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It is obvious that the report will provide abundant ammunition to the professional pessimists who delight in finding something to criticize, while even the optimists will be upset by the number of instances adduced of deficiencies referred to in reports of previous years and which have yet to be put right. It is to be hoped that provision will be made for tightening up the machinery in respect of such faults. It is not all a matter of personnel, although this may be one contributing factor. As the Comptroller points out, a Civil Service with all the necessary attributes cannot be created overnight nor in a few years can a people which will induce such a service be fashioned from a heterogeneous collection of differing communities and from every kind of environment. But the report testifies to the constant effort that is being made to improve standards both administratively and morally.

The section devoted to the "Purification of Character," as the Hebrew puts it, is a courageous and penetrating review. How, asks the Comptroller, can we examine standards of character and determine when they are infringed and what steps can be taken to strengthen such standards in public service? He first discusses concrete instances such as improper activity of contractors who may be connected with building departments of municipalities. Any public servant whose position places him at such a point of undue personal advantage is infringing upon standards of integrity in communal life. The Comptroller draws the necessary conclusions but it needs a long and continuous campaign for the enlightenment of public opinion before sanctions in this respect really become an effective force. Among the suggestions made by the State Comptroller last year was the setting up in each government office of a sub-committee of the officials themselves who would have the duty of collating suggestions emanating from the office in question on the betterment of relations between the staff and the public, not only by promoting efficiency but equally by watching standards of personal conduct and integrity. The report laments the fact that the suggestion has only been carried out in a minor degree and that the activities of the sub-committees did not result in anything substantial worth reporting.

The conclusion the Comptroller comes to is that this is a matter which still remains largely one for the officials themselves and insists that the steps taken should be strengthened and continued. It is obvious that an effort in this direction on the part of the public servants themselves is likely to result in a far better attitude from the public.

Again it must not be deduced from the special attention paid to this subject by the report of the State Comptroller that this country is faced with a serious situation in its Civil Service. The conclusion one draws rather is that what is important here is a warning against complacency and the facile excuse, that too many are inclined to make, that this is a young State and that time will cure most of its ills. What is in fact clear from the report is that Israel enjoys an administrative machine which does not compare unfavourably with most others. The diagnosis of what diseases afflict our body politic is a forthright one but as long as the citizen is determined on a cure that cure will be forthcoming.

U.K. STALEMATE: BUTSKELLISM

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

LONDON. — IT is now a commonplace of British political discussion that the stalemate between the two parties is going to last a long time, irrespective of who wins the next election. The "Manchester Guardian" recently devoted a series of articles to the aim of discovering why the Labour Party has grown so stale and tired. No one has as yet done the same for the Conservatives, but the "Economist" has coined the symbolical phrase "Butskellism," to indicate that as between Mr. R.A. Butler and Mr. Gaitskell (who, believe it or not, was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the last Labour Government) there is not much to choose.

From the strict Tory — or big business — viewpoint this is not an unmixed blessing, just as Left-Wingers in the Labour Party are impatient with their leadership's lack of socialist zeal. "Butskell" and "Gaitler" stand for a kind of tired stalemate that irritates the devotees of competition and efficiency almost as it pains the narrower adherents of old-fashioned Socialism. The two front-benches may have moved very close to each other, but there lingers a suspicion that the outcome is not synthesis but merely a tacit agreement to postpone unwelcome decisions.

There are other symptoms of a lull. Mr. Aneurin Bevan at one level represents a kind of fundamentalist reaction within the Labour Party to the leadership's loss of zeal; but in another sense he is himself part of the trend. A trifling incident will illustrate this. Recently, Mr. Bevan bought a farm and thus became a property-owner. The Tory papers thought this funny, and they have done their best to stimulate heckling on this subject though in strict logic there is no reason why a Socialist should not own a piece of property.

Bevan Heckled

The other day a persistent heckler at a meeting managed to get under "farmer Bevan's" skin, to the extent of eliciting the words: "Let me say this: what I have got I have got by my own work, and not by anybody else's." The sentiment is unexceptionable, but it is "radical" (in the British, not the American sense) rather than "socialist" in tone, and Mr. Bevan may live to regret it. His remark would have sounded natural coming from Lloyd George, but then Lloyd George championed private property, not public ownership. In Britain, the dividing line between "radicalism" and "socialism" is very sharply defined, and everyone is supposed to know exactly on which side of the line he or she stands.

Is the Labour Party growing tired of Socialism? The "Manchester Guardian" thinks it is; but the "Guardian," for all its air of scientific impartiality, is not quite neutral in the matter. Insofar as it stands for the tradition once embodied in the "radical" wing of the old Liberal Party, it has a natural tendency to read its own assumptions into the discussions now going on within the Labour Party. It is true that Labour inherited part of the Liberal tradition along with the voters who once supported Lloyd George; but it is equally true that Labour became a power only after it had persuaded the trade unions that British capitalism had ceased to develop, and that the workers' standard of living depended on the introduction of public ownership and socialist planning.

In a country so highly industrialized as Britain there simply is not enough scope for the kind of non-socialist radicalism based on small private property that underlay the older democratic tradition. Only if the trade unions were to become convinced that Socialism has failed, or that it is unnecessary to economic progress, would there be a chance of stabilizing the present climate of "Butskellism." Conversely, any renewed militancy on the part of labour—e.g., on the issue of workers' control — which shattered industrial peace, would automatically have the opposite effect.

A situation of this kind might be thought to look pleasing to the Conservatives. They are in fact relatively satisfied, in that they are almost certain to win the next election; and they are not very worried over what a hypothetical Labour Government might do, as long as the choice is between "Butskell" and "Gaitler." But here again it is necessary to look beyond the counting of electoral noses. The Conservative Party, now that it has absorbed those Liberals who did not join Labour because they could not swallow Socialism, is committed to the efficiency gospel preached by the economists and by the "Economist." It cannot in the long run afford to have it said that it will tolerate any kind of inefficiency for the sake of social peace.

Railway Climb-Down

Yet this was the reproach flung at it by the big business and City organs during the recent railway crisis, which ended with a hasty climb-down on the Government's part and an undertaking to pay the railway workers an uneconomic wage. The railways are nationalised, and no Government is going to denationalize them. They are running at a loss, and the amount of the subsidy will now partly depend on the ability of the unions to press for higher wages by threatening to strike.

On this occasion, the danger was averted by giving the Transport Commission an extra £[illegible]m. to pay higher wages, instead of risking a show-down which would certainly have cost ten times more. But though this "practical" dodge pleased the public and the politicians, it did not please the economists on either side of the political frontier, for it meant that the railways would be subsidised by the taxpayer, without any guarantee that they were going to be made more efficient. There is indeed talk of a long-term investment plan, but few persons believe that it will be accompanied by the kind of drastic overhaul that has been carried out since World War II in various West European countries.

Now the significant thing is that neither of the two great parties has shown itself very concerned over this state of affairs, and it is this preference for the facile solution that alarms the experts and the political theorists. Within the mixed economy there are great areas of inefficiency—both publicly and privately owned—which call for drastic treatment; they are not likely to get such treatment while refusing to hurt any of the major entrenched interests. This, of course, is the essence of the Liberal (in the classical sense of that much abused term) case against Conservatism and Socialism alike.

But classical Liberalism is now very much the doctrine of a sect. Its difficulties are best illustrated by considering the case of the "Manchester Guardian" — one of the world's great newspapers and an organ of liberalism in the real sense of the term. No one connected with the "Guardian" can fail to be aware that it would be twice as effective were it not tied to the most backward and stagnant industry in Britain, the Lancashire textile industry. Here is an industry which cannot stand genuine competition (by Japan for example) being represented by a newspaper which cannot afford to be anything but liberal. It is a genuine contradiction, and a very revealing one.

The fact is that productive efficiency has few effective champions in Britain at the moment. For one thing, there is no mystique attached to it, as there once was to the old free trade gospel. The two great parties are rivals in the art of making the electorate feel that things are going well and that security comes first. "Butskellism" has its charms, but there is a price to be paid in the long run.

Readers' Letters

PLANNING TOURISM

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Would you be kind enough to publish some corrections to the article "Tours to Israel Must Start in Europe" which appeared on January 12.

The Treasury did not give travel agents a $80,000 travel "allowance," as mentioned in the article. It permitted travel agents and hoteliers to purchase foreign currency from a special $80,000 allocation for publicity and promotional work abroad.

The Tourist Centre has not taken up and abandoned a number of fashionable formulae, as alleged. The promotion of pilgrimages, festivals and group travel is taking place simultaneously, each aimed at a different class. I should be mentioned at this juncture that festivals have to be developed here in order to provide some attractions and events for the tourist who is already in the country. It is intended to organize a number of festivals in 1955 and 1956, and extensive preparations are being made for a Mediterranean Festival in 1956.

The tourist traffic recorded a ten per cent increase in 1954 and a six per cent increase in 1953. Comparison with tourist "meccas" such as France and Italy is misleading, since analysis of their tourist figures will show that only 10 per cent arrived from overseas, most visitors coming from neighbouring countries, a source denied to us. One has also to take into account the sensitivity of the travelling public to disturbances and upheavals. A striking example was given this year when April-June showed a 46.5 per cent increase over the previous spring — a lead which dropped off sharply after the Jerusalem shooting and did not regain even the previous year's volume for four months. By December, however, an increase of 30 per cent was recorded for the month.

The travel-inclusive prices offered by Greece, Italy and Sicily, mentioned in the article, cannot be compared with Israel prices for they are all situated on what, to most tourists, is the "near" shore of the Mediterranean, and to bring people to Israel costs in addition the price of a trans-Mediterranean sea or air trip.

There is no justification for calling group travel an experiment, since this traffic showed a very substantial increase during 1954. The Tourist Centre does not know of any "extensive" publicity for the Rotary Jubilee. The modest publicity for this event was handled almost exclusively by private concerns and was justifiable as is any attempt to bring tourists here in the "off-season" and spread the traffic over the entire year.

Quite a considerable amount of work has been done in the field of regional tourism in cooperation with Italy, Greece and Turkey. In our files there are some 250 pamphlets published by 140 travel agencies in 17 countries, all dealing with regional tourism which includes Israel. One cannot say, therefore, that nothing has resulted from endeavours in this field.

The article pointed out that Israel tourism did not feature in "Picture Post's" Travel Supplement, overlooking the fact that at the time the issue appeared, Israel tourism promotional material was published in the following reputable journals: The "New Yorker," "Newsweek," "Time," "The New York Times," "The N.Y. Post," and the "Journal-American," "The Washington Tribune," "Holiday," "The Observer" (London), "The Catholic Weekly" (Sydney), "La Nacion" (Buenos Aires), "Turismo" (Rio de Janeiro), "Mundo" and "El Pais" (Havana) to name but a few.

Yours, etc.
A. Ezer
Commissioner for Tourism
Jerusalem, February 10.

If "the Tourist Centre has not taken up and abandoned a number of formulae," why is it that last year's panacea does not show up in the next year's publicity? In the case of "Festivals and Events" we found it quite understandable after the Conquest of the Desert experience.

If "visitors from neighbouring countries" are at present denied to us, we should educate our Mediterranean neighbours, i.e. Italy, France and Turkey, to consider us a neighbouring country, which can only be done by fostering reciprocity in tourism, i.e. by giving them some business as proposed.

That "travel-inclusive prices offered by other countries cannot be compared," is a statement which does not hold water, because all would-be travellers do compare prices and we must take this into consideration.

The fact that promotional material has been published in a number of important papers does not explain the continuous neglect of the most important travel-supplement of Europe, used all over the Continent as a reference book in preparation for holiday tours.

Th.F.M.

KEEPING POSTED

THE State Comptroller's business is to find fault with the Government and, year by year, he carries out this task faithfully, digs out small flaws and big faults and exposes them to the public in all their nakedness. The public, according to its individual constitution and the state of its personal conscience, is either delighted to find official support for some of its complaints and allegations, or relieved to discover that, after all, so little of what is rumoured is true. But nobody has ever suggested that the Comptroller is digging a grave for the Government, rather the contrary. So what could be more surprising than to read, on page 147, that the assistants of the *Mekaver* (gravedigger) instead of the *Mevaker* (Comptroller) had done such-and-such? To prevent any misunderstanding, the word was hurriedly corrected by hand in all later copies of the Report, and the offensive original carefully crossed out.

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THERE are several hundred parents in Tel Aviv who are willing to brave the worst floods and storms in order to give their exceptionally gifted and handsome sons, all between nine and 13, or near enough those age limits to pass muster, a chance to play a small role in the Chamber Theatre. The production in question is As You Like It, which opens in Tel Aviv tonight, and where two boys are required to accompany the hunters into the Forest of Arden. The management of the Theatre placed quite a modest advertisement in the press inviting applications by boys of the right size, and when the first day for the interview happened to fall on the day of the worst downpour in Tel Aviv, they did not really expect anyone to turn up. They were amazed to find their premises mobbed in due course by dripping little actors and enthusiastic mothers, and had a good deal of difficulty in making their selection. Another fact that has been learnt from the Chamber Theatre is that Pygmalion was their most popular play to date, and has been seen by almost 200,000 persons. This involved 200 performances, and a steady jaunting up and down the country that has by now equalled the distance from Israel to Scotland. The next most popular play was also a British import, though of Oriental origin — Lady Precious Stream — which was translated into Hebrew from the English version, which was easier to deal with than the Chinese original.

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IF you have ever felt an urge to tell fortunes by reading tea leaves or coffee grounds you should perhaps know that such activities are not encouraged by the law, at least not if they are carried out for money rather than merely to oblige a friend. In Haifa a restaurant-owner discovered that a woman was telling what she called fortunes on his premises. He promptly warned the Police because, he said, she told her girl clients quite unsuitable things that "involved them in conflicts and even led them astray." To supply legal evidence, a policeman in an old suit asked to have his fortune told, and for a fee of 500 pruta she told him that he was due for some good news. Feeling that he was being thoroughly ungrateful, he had then to break the bad news to her that he was a policeman come to arrest her, and to dispose of the large crowd of customers who were waiting in the next room. At the police station she explained that she had not really been dabbling in magic at all, and that she only invented the fortunes to fit the faces of her customers, and feed her children. There was therefore no need to arrest her, she said. We are glad to be able to say that she has been released on bail, and will probably be more careful about the fortunes she invents in future.

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IN case anyone should think that fortune-telling is an Israeli speciality, we should like to record the report of an Israeli recently in New York. It seems he went to what he took to be an ordinary cafe, though it was one floor up, and sat down at a table. He noticed after a while that almost all the customers were women, and that several of them wore strange scarves but decided to sit it out. He ordered coffee, but when he asked for something to eat the waitress looked at him in such surprise that he became quite uncomfortable. She said she would find out what they had, and after a while came back with the news that they could run him up a sandwich. Soon after the rather amateurish-looking sandwich arrived he was joined at his table by one of the ladies with the coloured cloths round their heads, and she began to study the grounds in his coffee before he could do anything about it. He says that the fortune, though inordinately expensive, was quite appropriate, all the advice sound, and that none of it led to conflicts.

Today's correspondents include M.E. and I.J., of Jerusalem.

One of some 600 physically handicapped immigrants in the unique network of 25 "sheltered workshops" founded and supervised by Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's organization for the care of "hard core" cases among the newcomers. These workshops provide employment for those who, through blindness, loss of limb or other handicaps, cannot compete in the regular employment market. Malben, whose funds come from the United Jewish Appeal, is marking its fifth anniversary this week.

Mobile Unit Steps Up Tax Collection in 'Triangle'

By GIDEON WEIGERT

EARLY each morning a brand-new pick-up truck leaves the regional income tax offices at Natanya for Taiyiba, mother village of the Little Triangle. In front of a typical village house bearing the sign "Income Tax Office Taiyiba" hundreds of files, as well as chairs and office equipment, are loaded on, and two assessment officers, a tax collector and a National Insurance official get on. By eight o'clock, everything is ready and off starts the new mobile income tax unit for the Arab sector.

Since it was found that on-the-spot assessment and collection suits the Arab population better than the usual practice of sending off returns to be filled out, three such mobile units have been put into action—in the Little Triangle and Eastern and Western Galilee — and the steep rise in revenue has already made up for the extra costs.

Last week I went along on the unit's daily round. An assessment officer told me that the Taiyiba office is in charge of 4,500 files. Of its eight officials, all Arabs with a perfect command of Hebrew, only one has gone through a special three-week training course. The others have attended a one-day seminar.

Our first stop was nearby Tirah, one of the few villages in the area that have no advisory committee as yet. At the reception hall of the local council building, the income tax official addressed a gathering of notables and village elders, explaining how important an advisory public committee would be. "We do not want to do injustice to anyone, and we will listen carefully to the arguments of each taxpayer and to the advice of the public committee," he explained. The villagers nodded and uttered their assent sporadically.

Advisory committees have been established by now in dozens of our Arab villages, and their members take great interest in the work, proud to supply the information on local conditions on which the assessment is based. Owing to the lack of proper bookkeeping, only the committee can estimate each taxpayer's position.

Next was Kafr Kasem, a stone's throw from the Jordan border. Here the mobile unit was received by the members of the "veteran" advisory committee, including the *mukhtar* and two village elders. Within minutes an empty room was turned into an income tax office, files were sorted out and desks and chairs placed along the walls. The committee members took their seats on low stools and the first taxpayers flocked in to settle their accounts.

Declaration Checked

The procedure begins with the taxpayer producing his identity card, on which his income tax file number is inscribed for easy future reference. Then the personal data on the identity card are compared with the taxpayer's income tax record and the necessary corrections are made.

First, the villager's declaration of how much land and livestock he owns is checked against a list in the hands of the assessment officer. The committee is consulted if they do not correspond, and the assessor often discovers that the official figure, though correct, must be modified because it includes land that is so close to the border that the villager cannot cultivate it.

List of Crops

Next comes the declarer's list of crops, and of the income he has earned from each. It is checked against a detailed Ministry of Agriculture table that indicates the income per dunam of every crop in the area after liberal deductions for every possible expense. In case the villager, however, can supply such proof as the advisory committee's testimony to the affect that his income from a given crop was lower than the table indicates, he is assessed accordingly.

There follows a list of deductions which, in the absence of life insurance premia and contributions to charitable institutions, consist of Histadrut fees and medical expenses.

Each villager awaits his turn patiently. As soon as one file is completed, the client moves on from the assessment officer to the collector to pay his taxes and obtain a receipt. In some cases, a few days' postponement is granted; larger sums are often paid in instalments; but most of the 15 files or so completed by the unit each day are cleared and paid up on the spot. Some days, I was told, have yielded as much as IL.1,200.

THEATRE NOTES

Masach Needs More Training

Masach Jerusalem Theatre: Mrs. Warren's Profession, by George Bernard Shaw, Hebrew by A. Aval. Directed by Sha'ar Yashuv Ghessanger. Sets by Nissan Engel.

AT the time Shaw wrote "Mrs. Warren's Profession" (over 60 years ago) the play was justified for two reasons: it had wit and it had a topical theme. The wit has remained but its peculiarly English nature is almost entirely lost in translation while the theme — the conditions which drove the energetic and ambitious Mrs. Warren into a base profession as the only alternative to a 12-hour-a-day sweat shop — is no longer either topical or interesting.

The Masach amateur theatre players could not — despite their obvious eagerness and hard work — give this play the highly stylised production it needs. With the exception of Tamar Zabrodsky, who brought vitality and pathos to the role of Mrs. Warren, and Yehiel Amitai, whose performance of Sir George Crofts, Mrs. Warren's business partner, was satisfyingly professional, the performance was dull and maddeningly slow-paced.

The Masach group needs further thorough training before it is justified in giving another public performance. And it needs an artistic director who will choose plays that are within the capacity of the actors and will appeal to the paying public.

M.R.

Yesterday's Press

Comptroller Report Exploited

MOST Wednesday papers published lengthy excerpts from the State Comptroller's Annual Report. "Davar" (Histadrut) says that its main value lies in the general survey which it gives of the state of public administration. In many cases it will be possible to put an end to shortcomings by changing administrative practices; elsewhere, it may be necessary to introduce new legislation. There is readiness to comply with the recommendations and the Report is optimistic on the whole. (The same conclusion is drawn by "Hador" — Mapai). The paper regrets past attempts (which will undoubtedly recur this year, what with elections) to exploit this report for party propaganda. This makes the Comptroller's task much more difficult.

"Herut" says in its main headline that the Comptroller's report reveals "Waste, shortcomings, lack of efficiency, illegal practices in taxation and the bureaucratic attitude of the government apparatus." All this shows, says the paper, that all the criticism of Herut has been justified. The same conclusion is reached by "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) which thinks that the report shows "that the property of people is squandered for benefit of foreign capital."

The rest of the press does not go to such extremes in "editing" the report. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) writes that the Comptroller notes that only half of the shortcomings noted in previous reports have been mended so far. The paper stresses the need for considerable improvement in income tax and import permits. "Haboker" (General Zionist) draws attention to the state loans given to Tahal and Mekorot without clear need or proper security. The paper also criticises certain Treasury practices, such as development loans to banks without sufficient collateral security.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) notes that at least two parties, the General Zionists and Herut, wish to make income tax the main election issue. Yet one must in fairness discriminate between tax policy and the way it is carried out. The paper urges stability in income tax legislation which has been changed too frequently.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) takes issue with recent Mapai leaders' claims of important recent economic achievements. The paper believes that the situation of the workers has not improved and Mapai has had to compromise even more and to give in to General Zionist demands.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) and Tuesday's "Yediot Aharonot" comment on the war in Haifa between the Eshed buses and the *sherut* taxis, and propose that separate stations be established for both services.

The afternoon press expresses its indignation at the manner in which the Jordan authorities covered up the murder of Oved Wegmeister and Shoshana Har-Zion, of which they must have known. "Omer" (Histadrut) deals with the situation in the Arab League while "Haboker" heads its front page with its London correspondent's report that Nehru, who has just met Gamal Abdul Nasser, is ready to mediate between Israel and Egypt.

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